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Chris Brockman, a 1971 O.U. Philosophy alumnus, also holds an M.A. in English from Eastern Michigan University. His writing and poetry have appeared in more than 30 publications. He teaches gifted students at Bunn Middle School in North Carolina.

Natalie B. Cole, Associate Professor of English, has been a member of the Oakland University faculty since 1988. She is currently the Director of the M.A. in Liberal Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences. Professor Cole, a Victorianist specializing in Dickens studies, has published research on Jeremy Bentham, Charles Dickens, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and George Meredith, and chaired the 2003 Dickens Symposium hosted by Oakland University. She has taught courses on British sensation fiction of the 1850's and 1860's, and on the history of English and American detective and crime fiction; and has presented papers on the crime fiction of Dorothy Sayers at the Popular Culture Association conference and the corpse in fiction by Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins at the British Association of Victorian Studies. Professor Cole's favorite crime novelists are P.D. James, Elmore Leonard, and Ruth Rendell.

Donna Folland is the Executive Director of the Oakland Land Conservancy. Ms. Folland came to the Conservancy in 1999 with a Bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry and a background in botany and regulatory horticulture, with additional experience in botanical and architectural illustration. In addition to managing the Conservancy and overseeing the implementation of land protection and stewardship programs, she also represents the Conservancy on several community-based conservation-planning groups. She lives in

Romeo with her husband Sherman, who is an Associate Professor of Economics at Oakland University, and their daughters Hanna and Ingrid.

Sherman Folland is coauthor of the leading college textbook on health economics. He has also published numerous articles on the subject. His current researches address: social capital and health; inequalities in health and health care across small areas in East European nations and the United States in 1988; and, contributing factors to student success in college economics. Publications recent years include: "How reliable are hospital efficiency estimates?" "The effect of proximity to nuclear power facilities on agricultural land values," and "Social health insurance in the charitable liberal state."

Robert Justin Goldstein, professor of political science at Oakland, received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His specialty is the history of civil liberties in western industrialized democracies, and his 10 published books and over 40 published articles mostly are related to that theme. Prof. Goldstein won the 2004 Oakland Research Excellence Award. In an earlier life, he was a journalist. His first substantial publications were two 300+ pages books evaluating faculty (based on primarily open-ended student questionnaires) at the University of Illinois at Urbana, when he was an undergraduate there in the late 1960s.

Claudia Grimberg, one of our "Two German Girls," lives in Oldenburg, Germany, where she is completing a degree in Human Resources. She, with her friend, Wiebke Nieman, came to Oakland University through our exchange program with their home university, The Carl von Ossietzky Universität in Oldenburg. Her exchange visit was facilitated through the efforts of Barbara Mabee, Chair of Modern Languages.

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formed campus-community group, Green Connect and is active in stewardship and education with the Huron River Watershed Council's water quality monitoring projects. She is also a stewardship volunteer and recently appointed board member of the Oakland Land Conservancy.

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Simon Ren, University Engineer for Oakland University, has worked since early 2001 in the Facilities Management Department, where he seldom has a dull day. His department manages energy costs, identifies critical deferred maintenance needs (and justifies funding to correct relatively smaller problems before they become larger problems), supervises outside designers during investigations, provides technical support on capital projects and maintenance issues, cooperates with surrounding jurisdictions on storm water, road and other utility issues, etc. An Oakland University graduate (class of 1971), Mr. Ren has spent most of his professional career in diverse roles improving the performance of facilities and their design and/or operating staff. He lives in Hamburg, Michigan, where he serves his community as a planning commissioner and chair of the Hamburg Township Environmental Review Board.

Juliette Roddy is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Oakland University in the School of Business Administration's Economics Department. She came to Oakland after finishing 2 years of Post Doctoral training with the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Trials Network at the Great Lakes Regional Node where she studied the cost effectiveness of various drug abuse treatments. She has received funding from the National Institute of Health for two peer-reviewed grants. Juliette retains membership in NIDA's Minority Interest Group as an executive committee member. The committee focuses attention on the special challenges involved in maintaining the health and well being of minority populations and the under-privileged. She is a board member of American Indian Health and Family Services, Inc. of Southeast-

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